

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A spring clamp system, comprising:

a hand operated clamp; [[and]]

a positioning base coupled to the clamp and including first and second housings each with a plurality of mating formation interlocks disposed around a pivot axis, wherein the base is operable to a positive-lock position with the interlocks engaged and the clamp fixed relative to the housings and is operable to an adjustment position with the interlocks released from mating contact and the clamp moveable with the second housing about the pivot axis relative to the first housing;

an attachment clip extending from an outer surface of the base;

a spring member on the attachment clip; and

an attachment portion of the hand operated clamp defining a clip-opening for receiving the attachment clip, wherein the clip-opening is in communication with a locking slot that selectively retains the spring member.

29. (Previously Presented) The spring clamp system of claim 28, wherein the clamp couples to the second housing via a lockable rotation spindle.

30. (Previously Presented) The spring clamp system of claim 28, further comprising an additional clamp coupled to the base and moveable with the first housing about the pivot axis relative to the second housing in the adjustment position of the base.

31. (Cancelled)